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SUBJECT: NAVY STATION DISCUSSIONS WITH WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

1. CAPTIAN RICHARD CUNNINGHAM, COMMANDING OFFICER, HAROLD E.
HOLT STATION AT EXMOUTH, CALLED LABATT AFERNOON OF OCT 10.
HE DISCUSSED FULLY ALL THE DETAILS REPORTED IN HIS COMMUNICA-
TION. THIS TELEGRAM IS NOT BEING ADDRESSED TO STATE AS
LABATT NOT SURE METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION OF NAVTELCOMM TRAFFIC.
IF ADVISABLE PLEASE FORWARD THIS INTERIM REPORT OR ADVISE
FURTHER DISTRIBUTION.

2. LABATT CONTACTED PRESIDENT OF AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF TRADE
UNIONS (ACTU) ROBERT HAWKE, TO INQUIRE AVAILABILITY OF JAMES
COLEMAN, SECRETARY, WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TRADES AND LABOR
COUNTIL(TLC) WHILE LATTER IS IN MELBOURNE OCTOBER 15 FOR
SPECIAL MEETING ACTU EXECUTIVE. HAWKE CONFIRMED COLEMAN STILL
OUT OF COUNTRY AS MEMBER OF ACTU TEAM VISITING ISRAEL,
UNITED KINGDOM, GERMANY AND SOVIET UNION, BUT SAID HIS
PLACE AT OCTOBER 15 MEETING WOULD BE TAKEN BY PADDY L. TROY,
VICE-PRESIDENT TLC. WHEN LABATT EXPLAINED REASON FOR INQUIRY
HAWKE VOLUNTEERED TO INTERVENE INFORMALLY AS HE SHARES
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LABATT'S CONCERN AND SURPRISE AT DEGREE OF MILITANCY BY

WA TLC DELEGATION AS REPORTED BY CUNNINGHAM. HAWKE DOES NOT FEEL CIRCUMSTANCES, AS RELATED BY LABATT, WOULD CALL FOR STRIKE ACTION AND CERTAINLY NOT AT THIS JUNCTURE WHEN WHOLE QUESTION OF BASES UNDER REVIEW.

3. LABATT THEN CALLED TROY AT PERTH OFFICE OF TLC AND FOUND HIM ONLY PARTLY INFORMED OF EVENTS AT EXMOUTH. TROY HAS PROMISED TO MEET WITH LABATT ON OCTOBER 15 AFTER INFORMING HIMSELF FULLY OF DELEGATIONS FINDINGS. ALL OF ABOVE HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED DISCREETLY BY TELEPHONE TO CUNNINGHAM AND TO CONSUL BRUNS AT PERTH. UNQUOTE
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